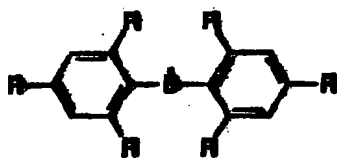


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

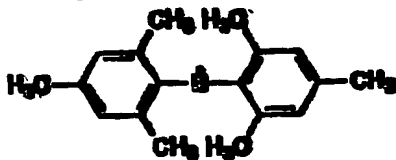
Please cancel claims 9-11, 14, 18-21 and 25-26 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A secondary battery comprising:
a positive electrode;
a negative electrode; and
an electrolyte disposed between said positive electrode and said negative electrode,
wherein active material of one of said positive electrode and said negative electrode
comprises a compound having boron radicals.
2. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said
compound comprises at least one of an aromatic group and an alkyl group combined with said
boron radicals.
3. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 2, wherein said
compound is represented by the following structural formula:



wherein each R represents one of a hydrogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group
and a non-substituted hydrocarbon group.

4. (Original) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 2, wherein said compound is
represented by the following structural formula:



5. (Original) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said compound has a

spin concentration of higher than 10^{21} spins/g.

6. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said compound comprises said boron radicals in a starting state.

7. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said compound comprises said boron radicals in an electrolytic reduction state.

8. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said compound comprises said boron radicals in an electrolytic oxidation state.

9-21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said active material of said negative electrode comprises said compound, and

wherein said active material of said positive electrode comprises one of a transition metal oxide, a compound having a sulfur-sulfur bond and a conductive polymer compound.

23. (Previously Presented) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 1, wherein said active material of said positive electrode comprises said compound, and

wherein said active material of said negative electrode comprises one of a carbon material, an amorphous carbon, a metal and a conductive polymer.

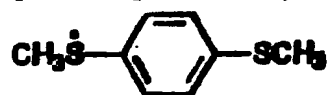
24. (Previously Presented) A secondary battery comprising:

a positive electrode;

a negative electrode; and

an electrolyte disposed between said positive and said negative electrode,

wherein an active material of one of said positive electrode and said negative electrode comprises a compound represented by the following structural formula:



25-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 24, wherein said compound has a spin concentration of higher than 10^{21} spins/g.

28. (New) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 24, wherein said compound comprises two different radical compounds.

29. (New) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 24, wherein said compound is combined with a non-radical compound.

30. (New) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 24, wherein said active material of said negative electrode comprises said compound, and

wherein said active material of said positive electrode comprises one of a transition metal oxide, a compound having a sulfur-sulfur bond and a conductive polymer compound.

31. (New) The secondary battery as set forth in claim 24, wherein said active material of said positive electrode comprises said compound, and

wherein said active material of said negative electrode comprises one of a transition metal oxide, a compound having a sulfur-sulfur bond and a conductive polymer compound.